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# M. & T. NEWS

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SOCIETY NEWS.

I am sure that all who attended will agree that the Huddersfield trolleybus tour was about the most successful we have held to date.We toured every bit of the system(except for a few yards),reaching Outlane on our final run in snow.Passers-by were informed by a 'choir' on the platform that 'Better things are electric',and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Our next tour should be in February,and full details will appear in January's magazine.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

If you have not already done so,please don't forget to send your 10/- subscription before January 15th. to the Treasurer.(Not applicable to new members joining since October 1967).

EDITOR'S NOTE.

I would like to wish every member a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,and hope that members will send lots more news during the coming year.If any members have any queries they would like answering the Editor would like to hear from them and will try and answer it.One such query appears later in this newssheet.

Robert Banks.

FLEET NEWS.

SHEFFIELD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

The Townhead closure is to take place in two stages - rtes 81/82 will be transferred to Herries and 13/14,50,88,54 to Leadmill on January 14th,along with the changes of routes 4,34/35.The remainder of the Townhead routes will move in March or April.

All buses are gradually being repainted and rear engined double-deckers are having stair panel advertisements fitted.Most,if not all,are not so fitted.

There have been a number of garages changes recently including the moving of 2198/9 and other buses to Herries.Further details required please.

Amongst the vehicles sold to Paul Sykes and taken away on 27/9/67 were 2143,2164,2166 and 2155 towed by 701 minus top deck.At least 5,and probably 9 were sold to this firm.1291 is now with Garelochhead in Scotland as their number 59.

There is still no signs of the new Swifts or Atlanteans and it may be next year now when they enter service.

On January 15th a new service is starting via the Motorway.This is the route 506,between Sheffield and Dinnington following the motorway between Tinsley and Aston - otherwise as rte.6.It will run at peak hours only,and will cut 15 mins.off the mormal running time between Sheffield and Dinnington.

OBSERVATIONS.

3151 on 88 13/11/67,1748 on 73 14/11/67,1376 on 97 15/11/67,943 on 174,1403 on 3,1359 on 97 all 16/11/67, 388 on 73 17/11/67,807 on 98 18/11/67,1294 on 4 20/11/67,136 on 194,517 on 98,150 on 35,943 on 85 all 21/11/67,1006 on 60 22/11/67,1008 on 60,697 on 150 all 24/11/67,2178 on 60 25/11/67,155 on 35 26/11/67,1017 on 31 28/11/67,1399 on 82,177 on 59,1743 on 23,1744 on 11 all 29/11/67,1335 on 69,1402 on 63,345 on 67,456 on 52 all 30/11/67,3160 on 69 1/12/67,904 on 82,2169 on 49,1747 on 69 all 2/12/67,3150 on 67 3/12/67,3078 on 150,1286 on 151,115 on 30,1294 on 95 all 6/12/67,1281 on 95,1285 on 150 7/12/67,516 on 98,458,120 on 75,340 on 67,387 on 35 all 8/12/67,1747 on 92 11/12/67,1284 on 81,1748 on 11 both 12/12/67,2176 on 83 13/12/67, 2177 on 83,12 on 71,942 on 99 all 15/12/67.

R.Banks D.E.Vickers E.Wilson P.Ireland.

ROTHERHAM

The new Fleetlines are numbered 181-6 and one,184, was on rte.69 on 13/12/67.They are now receiving advertisements on the engine shrouds.They are similar to the Huddersfield Fleetlines.A further 12 may be ordered for next year.

E.Wilson.

SHEFFIELD UNITED TOURS

Reliance 286 appears to be withdrawn together with 291-4 as these were seen in the yard with all fleet name plates and transfers painted over. E.Wilson.

MEXBOROUGH AND SWINTON

Three Harrington-bodied SB5's have been acquired from Northern General and are:
112-114 PCN 2-4 Chassis numbers 91276/393/502 and were 2602-4 in the Northern General fleet.

HALIFAX

200 was rebodied with a Plaxton Panorama I C43F body during October and was renumbered 256. 262 went to Plaxtons in August whilst 261 is still running with its Park Royal body and renumbered 257. 97/8 have NCME bodies NOT Roe.

INDEPENDENTS SECTION

S.LEDGARD.

100 vehicles passed to West Yorkshire but only 12 are being operated receiving transfers and numbers at Otley. These are:-

| | | |
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| DAW 1-4 | MCY 405/8,NCY 453/5 | AEC Regent V |
| | MD3RV008/11/184/6 | Weymann |
| DAW 5-10 | 1949-54 U | AEC Regent V |
| | D3RV415-20 | Roe |
| DGW 11 | SDU 711 | Daimler CVG6 |
| | 18954 | Willowbrook |
| DGW 12 | XUG 141 | Daimler CVG6 |
| | 19025 | Burlingham. |

DAW 2 suffered minor roof damage and was the first to go red. The ex-LTE RT's were seen in the Leeds depot of West Yorkshire.

HANSON,HUDDERSFIELD.

383/4 were damaged by fire and 383 is being rebodied by Roe whilst 384 is to be replaced by a new Reliance/Willowbrook. Four Ford R192/Plaxton are also on order.

WEST RIDING

New are 156-80 Leyland Panther PSUR1/1 702116-8/258/9/504-6/29/8/66/7/601-3/776/7/814/6/7/5/987/8/9. Marshall B51F.

146-55 have Marshall bodies,not Roe.

BRADWAY COACHES,Sheffield.

A further coach is EWE 768C a Bedford SB5 96591 Plaxton C41F

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| BINGLEY,Kinsley | | SWT 704F | AEC Swift | MP2R147 |
| | Willowbrook | | B53F New 10/67 | |
| | | 4727 WW | Bedford SB1 | 83076 |
| | Duple | C41F To Baddeley,Holmfirth 10/67 | | |
| | | 6889 WW | Bedford SB | 83219 |
| | Duple | C41F To Baddeley,Holmfirth 10/67 | | |
| GILL,Sheffield | | LTG 611 | Bedford SB | 7844 |
| | Duple | C29F To Georges,Kirkburton 9/67 | | |
| MORGAN,Armthorpe | | HWU 437 | Guy Arab II | FD36032 |
| | Guy | H56R Withdrawn 10/67 | | |
| WALKER,Hexthorpe | | NHY 989 | Bristol KSW6B | 86.902 |
| | ECW | H60R Ex.Bristol C80?7 9/67 | | |
| | | LBM 127 | Leyland PD2/10 | 530323 |
| | Leyland | L55R To North(dlr.) Sherburn 10/67. | | |

QUERY CORNER

One or two members have written asking for the recent Leyland chassis codes to be listed.

On 1st.January 1967 a new number with 6 figures appeared and the L prefix discontinued.The first figure is the year of manufacture.The numbers started at 700000 for heavy chassis and 750001 for light chassis.

FLEET LISTS
(J.A.Fisher)

J.WOOD & SON,Mirfield.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | EWD 406 | Crossley DD42/7 | Roe(1953) | H56R |
| | 1948 | Ex.Baxter,Airdrie. | | |
| 28 | FYS 689 | Leyland RT3/1 | Weymann | B44F |
| | 1957 | Ex.Glasgow LS18 | | |
| 26 | FYG 926C | Bedford SB5 | Plaxton | C41F |
| | 1965 | New | | |
| 27 | FYG 927C | Bedford SB5 | Plaxton | C41F |
| | 1965 | New | | |
| 29 | 232 HUM | Bedford WAL 14 | Plaxton | C52F |
| | 1964 | Ex.Wallace Arnold | | |
| 30 | KTC 551C | Leyland PDR1/2 | Park Royal | H77F |
| | 1965 | Ex.Leyland Demonstrator. | | |

J.J.LONGSTAFF & SONS LTD. Mirfield.

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| PDV 730 | AEC Regent III | Weymann | H59RD |
| 1954 | Ex.Devon General. | | |
| XVP 507 | Albion Aberdonian | Plaxton | B45F |
| 1957 | Ex. ? | | |

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| PWR 509E | Leyland PSU3/3R | Plaxton | C49F |
| 1967 | New | | |
| LSN 286 | Daimler CSG6/30 | NCME | H73F |
| 1960 | Ex.Cunningham,Paisley. | | |

N O R T H E R N
TROLLEYBUSES

There are now over 100 enthusiasts taking advantage of our 3 months free trial scheme, and a large number have informed me they will certainly join at the end of this period. Please don't forget to let me have your comments, criticisms and suggestions on our activities, so that our group can be run in the way you wish.

## PRESERVED BRITISH TROLLEYBUSES.

### 1. ROTHERHAM 37.

On October 2nd. 1965 37 was just another Rotherham trolleybus bound for the scrap merchant at the end of its duty. In fact even on the SOES tour of the system on the 3rd., in which our tour vehicle, No. 30, was the last to run under Rotherham wires, there was no serious intention to acquire a trolleybus, and a negative reaction was received by a member of the Nottingham Trolleybus Group who suggested this.

However, a week later the SOES committee decided no harm could be met by expressing an interest in these trolleys, and an offer of £30 was sent. It was expected that this would be ignored by the Corporation, who could gain nearly £100 scrap value. There was thus great astonishment when, at the beginning of November a reply was received, not only accepting our offer, but giving us the bus free. After great rejoicing in the SPES, a temporary site was sought, and within three days we had been offered 3 months free parking at the depot of a Doncaster independent operator. It seemed nothing could go wrong, and Rotherham Corporation were informed that the bus (number still unknown), would be removed the following weekend, just 7 days after we had been given the bus.

BUT - 3 weeks later 37 was towed to NOTTINGHAM at a cost of £20. Why? - part 2 will appear in next month's issue.

(Rotherham 37 - at present owned by the Sheffield Omnibus Enthusiasts Society and N o r t h e r n Trolleybuses )

WHAT ARE OTHER SOCIETIES DOING ?

This series is not meant to criticise, commend, or outline the aims of others - it is merely a factual report on what has been done to date.

EAST MIDLANDS TRANSPORT SOCIETY - museum site, Plumtree Station nr.Nottingham. (Trolleybus Section).

Many trolleybuses from a number of Societies have come and gone from this site, but all now remaining, save one, are owned by members of the EMTS. The exception is Nottingham 493, owned by a Mr.R.Bramley, though it appears "at home" among other vehicles from its area. Trolleys now at Plumtree are:

MANCHESTER 1250 - The 'stranger', being the only bus not from the Nottingham area. This has changed hands many times; originally bought by the National Trolleybus Association, it is now owned by an EMTS member.

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| 1250 | JVU 755 | Crossley M-V 'Dominion' 3-axle | | |
| | Crossley | | H66R | New 1951 |

NOTTINGHAM 578 - Following an EMTS tour in which 578 was the last bus to run on rtes.39 and 40 wiring, the bus was taken into the Corporation scrapyard. However it was saved from here after purchase by the EMTS.

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| 578 | KTV 578 | B.U.T. 3-axle (E.E. 410 120 h.p.) | | |
| | Brush 7ft.6ins. | | H70R | New 1951 |

NOTTINGHAM 502 - The last form of Nottingham trolleybus to run, this was the favourite of the EMTS member who purchased it after the final closure of the system.

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| 502 | KTV 502 | B.U.T. 3-axle (E.E. 410 120 h.p.) | | |
| | Brush 8ft. wide | | H70R | New 1949 |

NOTTINGHAM 466 - The first Nottingham trolleybus to be acquired, this was stored in a back-garden for some time before being moved to Plumtree some 4-5 years ago.

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| 466 | GTV 666 | Karrier 2-axle (B.T.H. 207 85 h.p.) | | |
| | Brush | | UH56R | New 1945 |

NOTTINGHAM 493 - One of the last 2-axle trolleybuses to run in Nottingham, this was purchased by Mr.R.Bramley before the foundation of the EMTS.

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| 493 | KTV 493 | B.U.T. 2-axle (E.E. 410 120 h.p.) | | |
| | Roe | | H56R | New 1948 |

NOTTS. & DERBYS.(BRADFORD 774) - Just recently purchased from Bradford Corporation,it is proposed to restore this to Notts. and Derbys.livery.

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| 774 | NNU 238 | B.U.T. 9611T | | |
| | Weymann | | H58R | 1949 |
| | (acquired by Bradford in 1953) | | | |

Also owned by the EMTS,though not at Plumtree is Derby 174,a wartime utility.This is housed at one of Lincolnshire's depots.

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| 174 | RC 8574 | Sunbeam W/BTH | | |
| | Park Royal | | UH56R | 1944 |

Other trolleybuses that have been housed at Plumtree include Huddersfield 541(owned by NTA), Ashton 80(owned by London Trolleybus Society) and our own Rotherham 37(was here only 6 months)

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ADVERTISEMENTS

B.U.T. PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

Tour of Huddersfield trolleybus system Sunday 7th.January.All proceeds to go towards the preservation of a Huddersfield B.U.T. trolleybus.

Interest and donations towards preserving this bus gratefully received.

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NORTHERN TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY (Manchester)

Tour of Bradford trolleybus system Sunday 28th.January.All proceeds go towards preservation of Oldham motorbus 231.

Transport being provided by 231 from Manchester and Huddersfield.

For further details please contact:
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From all the Society Committee may we wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year, and we do hope you will enjoy 1968 with us.

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